



HOPE FILLED CONVERSATIONS
for women
...in His Word, I Hope. Psalm 130:5

Hope Filled Conversations How to Study the Bible

Bible Study Methods, Tips, and Resources

Pick one of the methods below and spend five days practicing it. If it's not a good fit for you then try another for five days. Keep trying differing Bible study methods until you find one that most suits you.

SWORD method

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What does this teach us about God?

What does this teach us about man?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there an example to follow?

Four Questions Method

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What are the facts?

How do you see His heart?

How can you apply it in today's world?

How can I apply it this week?

From Rick Warren's Bible Study Methods:

Sin to confess?

Promise to claim?

Attitude to change?

Command to obey?

Example to follow?

Prayer to pray?

Error to avoid?

Truth to believe?

Something to praise God for?

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Character Study

Choose one person in the Bible to study.

Use your concordance or other reference to look up all Scripture verses about the person you are studying.

Read those verses, making notes about what stood out to you.

If it would be helpful to you, make a timeline of their life.

What character traits do you notice they display in their life?

What can you learn from their life?

Break down a single verse from the Bible

Write out the verse yourself.

What words stand out to you in this verse?

What is the subject and the verb in this verse?

What is the main theme or idea?

Summarize the verse in your own words.

What is one truth I can take away from this verse and think about throughout the day?

Topical, Thematic, or Word Study

Choose a theme or topic you would like to focus on.

Use a concordance or any other reference you have to look up all scripture verses that mention this topic and make a list.

Do a cross reference study of the word or topic to take it one step further.

Look up verses in different translations to go a little deeper.

Look up the verses, read, and make notes by each reference to help you remember what each one said.

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Tips For Memorizing God's Word

- 1) Write the verse out on a notecard and place it somewhere you will see it throughout the day.
- 2) Say the verse aloud. Say it again!
- 3) Use memorization apps like Scripture Typer, now called Bible Memory App (Scripture Memory Bible) or Fighter Verses to practice memorizing your verse! Fighter Verses actually gives you a Scripture verse to memorize each week!
- 4) Color code verses. For instance:
Red-Things to avoid such as sin
Blue-Attributes of God
Green-Growth points
Yellow-Things to apply
- 5) Use shapes to mark phrases or special words. For example use a **square** around "so that" "therefore," a **heart** for words of *compassion, everlasting love*, and a **triangle** for words such as *trust, faith, hope*.
- 6) Create a screensaver on your computer, iPad, and phone with the verse you are working on memorizing.

Tips For Going Deeper Through Journaling

- 1.) Use a Bible Journal where you write out your thoughts of what the Word meant to you and what God spoke to you.
- 2.) Use a Prayer Journal to develop a more intimate relationship with God as You open your heart to Him.
- 3.) Use a Life Journal where you keep a record of how God revealed Himself through a message, worship, or nature.

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